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CALFED BAY-DELTA PROGRAM

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Attn: Rick Breitenbach

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I am writing to voice my opinion concerning CALFED's phase 2 report. I am a member of CalTrout, and generally concur with their views and comments on this report. I believe that we need to develop new and creative programs that will substantially improve underground water storage, encourage water conservation, and improve water use efficiency. Building more dams is no longer a satisfactory answer to the long-term water needs of the environment, our natural areas, agriculture, industry and towns and cities. I think that we waste a great deal of water in this state, or at least use it inefficiently, and water use efficiency is a key issue in my mind. We can no longer afford to continue the types of wasteful and damaging practices that have been used in the past because the environmental and economic costs are just too high. As an example, our water use practices have been partly responsible for the current degradation and sad state of California's salmon and steelhead populations.

I encourage CALFED to explore and develop creative, environmentally sound ways to store, conserve, protect and utilize our water so that there will be an equitable sharing of this limited resource for all of California.

Cc: CalTrout

Sincerely,



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